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An open letter to the Department of Justice regarding the ongoing Microsoft anti-trust case:

To Whom It May Concern,

I have followed the Microsoft vs. the US Government anti-trust case since it's inception, and hope you will do everything in your power to bring it to a swift conclusion. The value of Microsoft to this country cannot simply be viewed as one did the steel or telephony industries in the past. They were local engines for growth in the US economy. Today Microsoft, along with IBM, Intel, and a small handful of other technology companies, have become the centers for a uniquely global intellectual economy which leads the world in everything from personal computing, to satellite communications. They are the global engines of the information economy. And they are the envy of the world.

Crippling any of these companies, as the DOJ, and several State's Attorneys Generals have tried to do on behalf of Microsoft's most vocal competitors, is the moral equivalent of shutting down the most successful US steel producer at the height of WWII. With the events of September 11th, a faltering economy (yes, we're in a recession!), and soaring unemployment in this country, the US Government needs to ensure the best and brightest companies are able to grow and flourish, not attack them. In the face of an uncertain future for all of us due to international terrorism, we need to encourage growth in our technology infrastructure, and our economy -- which means ending the prosecution of what is arguably the most successful technology provider in the world, Microsoft.

In a rapidly changing world where the US economy is increasingly challenged by Europe's and Asia's in areas like airline building, telephony, steel, and in growing measure, compute software, I ask you, members of our government --my government-- to resolve the Microsoft case so they can back to what they do best, creating great software that people love to use.

Thank you for your attention, and God Bless America!

Sincerely,

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